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Debbie joins her dad's crew.

A City for sale

Only £500,000 o.n.o.

By Journal Reporter

FOR SALE. 1955 luxurious Detached Residence, superb sea views; 48 bedrooms, storage 100; ample storage space; garage. £500,000 o.n.o. View any time, Newcastle Quay.

IF that sounds like your dream home . . . think again.

For the 12,500-ton City of Port Elizabeth would be quite a proposition for the casual buyer.

Chief Officer Bill Harvey has a skeleton crew of 65 keeping the ship in shape waiting for a sale, and they have been waiting a month already.

Holiday

You may think it's money for old rope looking after a luxury cargo-liner while it waits for the auctioneer's hammer.

There are perks for the crew—nine Europeans and 57 Indians. It's really a shore-based job with handsome sea-going wages. And it's a self-contained luxury hotel without guests.

Bill Harvey can have his wife and two-year-old daughter Debbie on board to keep him company. And there's TV for the crew.

"It's almost a holiday," he said. "We are very well provided for by the company.

"But we have to keep the engines going, and keep the boat clean. We have got all the dirt of Tyneside and the traffic to scrub off trying to keep the ship alive."

The owners, Ellerman Lines of London, said yesterday that negotiations were still going on for the sale. They have had a number of inquiries from interested people.

The City of Port Elizabeth has four sister ships, all built at Walker Naval Yard on Tyneside. But the owners are not sure they will all be put up for sale.

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